

28 October 2003

To: SPE Don Walsh
From: Examiner Mark Beauchaine

Re: Rescission of Allowability, Application Serial Number 09/541,170

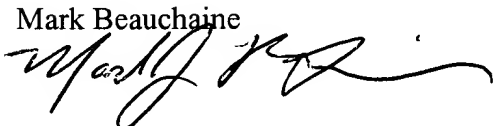
Don,

A note from you to the Director stating that you approve the subject rescission is required. The rescission is necessary because of the following recently found prior art that was supposedly included with IDS Paper Number 33 but not found until after the Notice of Allowability was mailed:

Japanese Patent Publication Number 54-71673 published 8 June 1979,
Japanese Patent Publication Number 54-71674 published 8 June 1979, and
Japanese Patent Publication Number 61-14557 published 19 April 1986.

All three publications disclose a currency processor that halts operation based on a non-piece count criterion. The Number 54-71673 publication also includes a discharge slot (page 8, line 1) that reads on the Applicant's second discharge receptacle.

Mark Beauchaine

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